

Annapolis Environmental Commission

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 7:30pm

145 Gorman Street, Room 3

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Suzanne Pogell, **Chair**
Ted Weber
Rachel Rachfal

Ginger DeLuca, **Co-Chair**
Dan Haas

Chris Kamenoff, **Co-Chair**
Marie Rinaldi

Members Absent:

Diane Butler

Staff Present:

Rob Savidge

Tami Hook, Recorder

Guest Present

Mel Wilkins

Anne Gillette

Co-Chair Kamenoff called the meeting to order at 7:31pm in Conference Room 3 at 145 Gorman Street.

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Ms. Rinaldi moved to approve the meeting minutes as written. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0. (Pogell and Rachfal not present for voting)

BUSINESS

Action Items: Subcommittee Reports

Eco-Center

Ms. Pogell spoke with Mr. Mallinoff who suggested discussing the Eco-Center proposal for the Market House with **Lehr** Jackson. Ms. Pogell, Ms. DeLuca and Ms. Rachfal will meet to discuss this further.

Recycling Education Campaign

Ms. Kamenoff and Ms. Rinaldi agreed to prepare a recycling education campaign. Ms. Pogell announced that DNEP Director Maria Broadbent has given the AEC the go-ahead to conduct a rain barrel installation demonstration at [the Compost](#) and Rain Barrel sale which is scheduled for March 26, 2011 at 9:00am at Truxtun Park will.

Stormwater

There was no report on this subcommittee.

IT: Website Regarding Boards and Commissions Workshop Draft

Ms. Kamenoff reported that Ms. Raftovich has agreed to take over updating the website. She noted that it appears that Facebook is not going to happen and suggested going back to the Newsletter idea. She briefly discussed several items for the newsletter.

Grant Writing

This agenda item was deferred to the January meeting.

DNEP

Mr. Savidge reported that Mr. Biba attended a meeting on the WIP Phase II and it was indicated that the City will be required to treat 20% of the impervious surface. The City will be required to have 70% of that 20% reduction by 2017 and full completion by 2020. DNEP will be recommending an increase in the stormwater utility fee and agreed to keep the Commission informed. He also noted that Mr. van Zutphen asked that the Commission be notified that the tentative date for the Arbor Day event is April 6, 2011. Mr. van Zutphen is also working on a grant from Chesapeake Bay Trust for Urban Greening and a potential Tree Giveaway for March 26, 2011. DNEP is working on Integrated Pest Management legislation for the City that he hopes to have completed by week's end. The Environmental Summit, on State of Maryland legislative initiatives is January 25, from 2:00-6:00 PM. He reported on the Planning and Zoning Forum and the proposal for the Katherine properties.

OLD BUSINESS

Joint Meetings with City Council Environmental Matters Meeting

This agenda item was deferred to the February 16, 2011 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Wind Power Proposal

The wind power proposal was provided via email for review. Mr. Weber asked about the process in soliciting a sponsor for the proposal. Mr. Savidge responded that the Commission should contact their Alderperson. Mr. Savidge asked about the purpose if or when the Resolution passes. Mr. Weber responded that it would be submitted to the State Legislature Committee on behalf of the City. The Commission suggested that the chair forward the Resolution to the Mayor's office for sponsorship.

Mr. Haas moved to support the Wind Power Resolution and move it forward to the Mayor's office for sponsorship consideration. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0. (Pogell and Rachfal not present for voting)

Greening Neighborhoods

This agenda item was deferred to the February 16, 2011 meeting.

Annapolis Neck Development/Katherine Property Development

Mr. Savidge suggested a walking tour of these properties. Mr. Haas will provide the endangered species list broken out by the various jurisdictions.

Annapolis Street-End Parks Eastport Alliance

Chair Pogell assumed the Chair position and introduced Mr. Wilkins to discuss his proposal. Mr. Wilkins began with a brief background stating that he founded Spa Creek Conservancy approximately six years ago and has completed \$2M restoration work. He is now in a consultant position and has been working with communities. He stated that the purpose for the presentation is to state the Spa Creek Conservancy is willing to take a leadership role in establishing an Alliance to accomplish reduction of pollutants in the harbors, rivers and bays. He briefly discussed the objectives for the project that is outlined in the document titled "Annapolis Street-End Parks Eastport Alliance." He noted that there have been significant challenges that can be addressed through an alliance approach. Ms. Gillette added that it is surprising to see the camaraderie that is developed when communities are brought together on a specific project.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 9:17pm.